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State Champ!

Louisburg High wrestler Ervin Hunt captures state 189-pound wrestling title. Teammate Ahmadou Camara finishes 2nd in 140-pound division. P. 8

Special Olympics Return

*Opening Ceremonies
March 19th*

The Special Olympics will return to Franklin County for the third consecutive year on March 19th. This year, the event will be held at Bunn High School with opening ceremonies kicking off at 10 a.m.

You can help out with this year's event by entering a raffle which includes many unique items including a hockey puck autographed by Cam Ward of the Carolina Hurricanes.

Other items include gift certificates to local restaurants and a mini football signed by the Duke Blue Devils. For more information, contact an EC teacher at any FCS campus. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Career Minded



LHS students check for vital signs in Allied Health Sciences class.

FCS Celebrates CTE Month

If variety is the spice of life, the Franklin County Schools' Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department would rate high on the education spice level.

February is CTE month across the nation – it's a month in which districts and individual schools highlight and celebrate the CTE programs offered.

Whether it's an auction for a tractor through the Bunn High Future Farmer's of America chapter, a CPR class at Louisburg High School, a welding class at Vance-Granville Community College or a video project with Novozymes at Franklinton High School, most students will find something that grabs their attention

and could lead to a career.

Laureen Jones, FCS CTE Director, is proud that there are so many programs offered through FCS.

"We want to offer as many options that we can so students will have a broad view of what they can pursue as a career after high school or college," Jones said. "We've worked really hard to get to the point we are at now, and we want to continue to grow."

Over the past three years, FCS has grown immensely in the biotechnology field. In some cases, students have landed jobs immediately out of high school through the training they have received from Franklinton High School and Vance-Granville Commu-

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All-Terrain Raffle



Carvel Cheves (left) celebrates with BHS Ag teacher Bob Frisbie and event MC Jason Aycock after winning the BHS FFA reverse raffle.



Bunn High Future Farmers of America members carefully fill the drum prior to the start of the reverse raffle.

February 23rd night is a time in which people who were present at the Bunn High Future Farmers of America reverse raffle will not soon forget. The fun-filled evening concluded when Carvel Cheves won the top prize - a [Kubota utility vehicle](#). In addition to the grand prize, Cheves also won one of four \$100 bills. Door prizes, hot dogs, drinks and ice cream were enjoyed as well. This event, serves as a major fundraiser for students who wish to attend FFA camp in the summer. It also helps fund the Bob Wheless Scholarship. Above, Cheves celebrates his triumph with event organizer Bob Frisbie and MC Jason Aycock This activity is just one of many that took place at Bunn High during national FFA week.

Making It Better



Knights of Columbus Donate to Louisburg High School

Louisburg High School exceptional children teacher Sylvia Rodgers received a pleasant surprise in the form of \$806.74. The Louisburg Council for Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Jay Illingworth presented the check to Rodgers which will be used for classroom activities. Over the past six years, the Louisburg Council has made similar donations to Franklin County Schools. Pictured in the front row are Jay Illingworth, Sylvia Rodgers and John Lawrence (Chairman of Operation LAMB for the Louisburg Council for Knights of Columbus). In the back row is FCS Superintendent Dr. Eddie Ingram, LHS Principal Freda Clifton, FCS Executive Director of Student Services Wendy Vavrousek and FCS Program Specialist Karen Cooke.

Operation Netbook

\$60K Grant Builds Up Learning Resources

Franklin County Schools continues to add technology into all classrooms. From SMART Boards, to Interactive Classrooms, teachers and students continue to reap the benefits of these 21st Century Tools. Recently, the FCS Technology Department received a \$60,000 EETT/ARRA (Enhancing Education Through Technology/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) grant to add some additional tools to classrooms.

In working with Ms. Brown, Mr. Alston, and Ms. Wheeler, the three middle school principals, Chris Shearer, FCS Technology Director, along with Sondra Ayscue, Dottie Averette, and Lesley Coe, the three middle school technology facilitators, and Leamon Brantley, the technology coordinator, decided that placing these tools in the three sixth grades would make the most sense.

Many of the elementary schools now utilize netbooks (the smaller laptop computers) for everything from projects to research to reading literacy. After becoming adept at these tools, when they would rise to sixth grade, they could not rely on them any further. Because of this, a cart of 20 Dell 2100 netbooks was pur-



Bunn Middle School teacher Brian McDowell's students are utilizing the netbooks for in-class research.

chased for each school, including an LCD projector and a document camera.

"We wanted to provide a fully equipped station that allows for three key goals: increased access to computers for students, the ability to present for the teachers, and the portability to allow all sixth grade teachers to share these resources," Shearer said.

Before receiving the carts, all the sixth-grade teachers came to a professional development session where they received a variety of training opportunities. Ms. Averette led a session on using the different software applications, such as Open Office, with

the teachers. Ms. Ayscue led a hands-on troubleshooting session where the teachers learned how to 'fix' any problems they may run into. Ms. Coe modeled an actual lesson with the laptops, showing how to use applications such as Inspiration and the online tool Wordle to develop some higher-level activities for students. The teachers, at the end, shared some outstanding feedback on the training.

All three schools now have the carts in their possession, with many already using them regularly. For instance, Bunn Middle

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nity College in biotechnology.

Currently, the biotechnology program is yielding a cross-curriculum project that involves FHS Digital Media students from Michael Kearney's class. Students, teachers and Novozymes employees are planning a public service announcement in video form to encourage students to explore biotechnology.

"This is an exciting opportunity for all of us," Jones said. "The students, teachers and community will benefit from this. We are very fortunate to have the support of Novozymes for such a wonderful project."

The project became possible after the CTE Department earned a \$2,000 education mini grant from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.

This is just one of the many items taking place within class offered through FCS CTE.

Bunn High School FFA members are currently in the process of auctioning off an All-Terrain Vehicle. The reverse raffle will take place on February 23rd at 7 p.m. at BHS. Last year the group held a similar event for a John Deere Tractor. The tractor was also the focal point of an AG Mechanics project led by BHS teacher Bob Frisbie. After purchasing the tractor through a state surplus auction, students took part in refurbishing the unit. From there, students used the tractor for landscape projects needed after new construction at BHS. When landscaping was complete, the tractor was then auctioned.

Frisbie's classes have made a habit of bidding for work on manageable landscape projects and completing the work for hands-on experience.

Horticulture is a popular class throughout the district, as is carpentry. Students can get hands-on experience with woodworking with Tommy Kemp at Franklinton High School, William Longson at BHS and



Landscaping and horticulture related activities are popular among CTE students—such as these Bunn High School students.

Willie Tabron at LHS.

Louisburg High School has a variety of other programs. LHS has offered classes in which students become certified EMTs and CNAs. Each year, students in Joyce Mangum's class complete CNA training and often find employment as a direct result.

In addition to biotechnology, Franklinton High also offers courses in medical science through teacher Winn Clayton. Clayton teaches Biotechnology with horticulture teacher Joe Don Robertson.

If students are interested in a culinary career, all three high schools have programs to potentially suit their needs. Maria Styers leads a variety of food programs at FHS, as



Career fairs offer students a chance to ask questions to company representatives.

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Masonry, offered at Franklinton High School, continues to be a popular choice among many students.

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does Hettie Faulkner at LHS and Leslie Pate of Bunn High.

While Frisbie and Kemp lead the agriculture charge at their respective schools, John Young teaches similar courses at LHS.

All three high schools offer courses in business technology. Whether the topic is keyboarding or general office technology students have the opportunity to develop skills that not only result in employment, but also improve needed skills for college.

Franklinton High School is led in

the business technology department by veteran teachers Evelyn Crudup and Gloria Kearney.

“Students gain very valuable skills from our programs,” Jones said. “These are often skills that will help them for the rest of their lives.”

Students enrolled in a school in which a course is not offered that they wish to take do have the option of taking the course at another school within FCS.

Some of the school specific courses include Auto Mechanics at Louisburg High School taught by Jeff Keen, Masonry at Franklinton High School taught by Clarence Walker as well as Digital Media led by Michael Kearney. At Bunn High, Steve Pace

teaches Architectural Drafting and an Air conditioning / Refrigeration course. Also specific to Bunn is Randy Whitley’s popular marketing classes. His courses include sports and entertaining marketing, as well as travel and tourism.

“We want to be sure that students have the opportunity to receive a well-rounded education,” Jones said. “By allowing them to take courses at other schools and even Vance-Granville, students are getting the most out of Franklin County Schools.”

- Nathan Moreschi

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teacher Brian McDowell uses their cart regularly

"The laptops have been great!" McDowell said. "We have been able to research information for our European Country Project sitting in class and turning the information into travel brochures. It has been a super addition to take this project to the next level.

"My Language Arts teammate, Trude Kibbe, has worked on the essay "Why Americans Celebrate Independence Day" with her students. The students worked on research, rough drafts and a final draft of the essay to turn into the American Veterans of North Carolina. What an awesome addition the laptops have been to Bunn Middle School." And one of his students, Maggie, shared that sentiment, "I think the laptops are a good addition to our education. They make learning fun."

Cedar Creek Middle Principal Brooke Wheeler shares similar feelings as students and teachers.

"I am very excited to incorporate these carts into our daily curriculum at Cedar Creek Middle School," Wheeler said. "These netbooks, along with the professional development for teachers, will allow us to integrate intense tech-



Middle school teachers are enjoying the access to the new netbooks. It's a resource that not only helps the students but also the teachers.

nology even more into our daily routine. The focus on higher order thinking skills and differentiating instruction will help us better meet the developmental needs of our students consistently. Through this project, I hope to be able to increase student achievement by truly challenging students at their level of development utilizing the latest technology.

Next up for the project will be another planning session with the technology facilitators and Ms. Parler, Ms. Perry, and Ms. Heller,

the three Curriculum Resource Teachers. In this next session in March with the teachers, more focus will be on using the laptops in their curricular areas. Teachers will use their pacing guides to develop lessons to use the laptops. They will also receive some mini-sessions on using resources such as NC Wise Owl (<http://www.ncwiseowl.org/>), a site with a wealth of researching tools for students, citation tools, and rubrics for teachers to assess projects.

Visit www.fcschools.net

Grappling Stalwarts



Ervin Hunt (right) took state wrestling gold, while Ahmadou Camara captured silver.

LHS' Hunt Crowned State Champ, Camara Pockets Silver

Louisburg High School continues to make a strong name for itself in the state wrestling ranks. Junior wrestler Ervin Hunt (right in photo) finished his outstanding season by winning the state 2A title in the 189-pound division the final weekend in February.

Junior Ahmadou Camara had an impressive season as well. Camara (left in photo) finished second in the state in the 140-pound class. Both

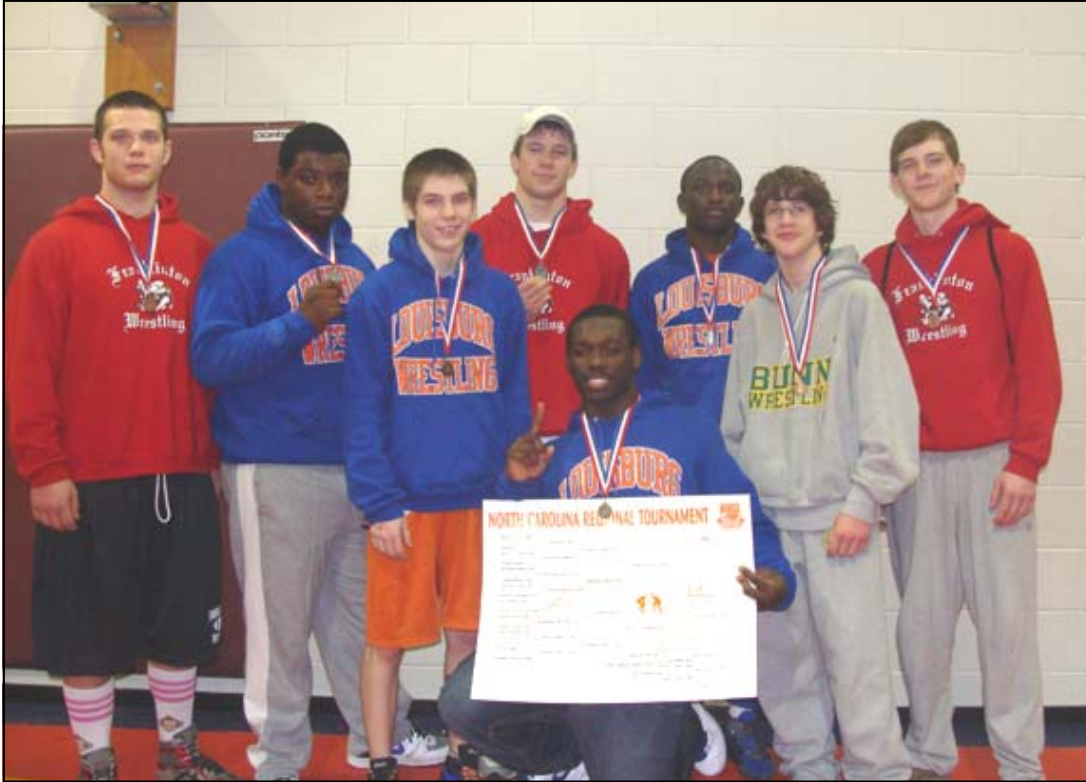
were all-conference wrestlers (Camara MVP) and both performed well in the region. Camara was second in the region this year, while Hunt picked up his second consecutive regional crown. Hunt has been wrestling for just two seasons and Camara just completed his fifth.

Ahmadou's brother Mamour, won a state title in wrestling for LHS last year. The Warriors are coached by

Jason Crawford.

Hunt and Camara both play football at LHS and hope to play athletics in college. Both have already received multiple letters from major Universities expressing interest.

Hunt has received letters from Yale, Duke and Columbia and plans to visit Columbia soon. Camara has received letters from various places, including Virginia Tech.



Regional Wrestling Success

Franklin County's qualifiers for this weekend's Class 2-A State Wrestling Tournament are (left to right) Nico Fisher (Franklinton), Tyrell Robinson (Louisburg), Trey Griffor (Louisburg), Will Jones (Franklinton), Ervin Hunt (Louisburg), Ahmadou Camara (Louisburg), Patrick Limer (Bunn) and Lane Pickett (Franklinton). The was held the last weekend in February at Greensboro Coliseum in Guilford County.

Black History at FES

Franklinton Elementary celebrated Black History Month with a musical ensemble, and timeline of events with Franklinton town commissioner Joe Cutchins, an icon of the Franklinton community. Cutchins took people back through a timeline of Black History events. He discussed sports, music, and life in Franklinton. It was enjoyed by all. There was also a luncheon that was enjoyed by the FES staff.



Laurel Mill Cafeteria Manager Steps Up

Laurel Mill Elementary student Joshua Jones will probably never forget Donnetta Davis.

Davis, LMES Cafeteria Manager, noticed Jones was choking on some bread in the cafeteria and quickly rushed to help him out. After performing the Heimlich maneuver, Jones coughed up the food he was choking on

and immediately began improving prior to EMS arrival.

Davis received training for such episodes 11 years ago and is greatly appreciative for it. Jones turned out to be fine and was grateful of Davis' actions.

School Principal Genie Faulkner praised Davis for her efforts.



Technical Honor Society Inducts New Members

The 2010 National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Induction Ceremony was held February 25 in the Bunn High School auditorium. Seventeen students were inducted into the society including Shannon Barclay (FHS), Andrew Beckham (BHS), Michella Brown (BHS), Alyssa Cole (FHS), Christiana Lancaster (FHS), Robert Lee (BHS), Christian Monroe (FHS), Emily Odom (FHS), Casey Preddy (FHS), Lindsay Ray (BHS), Mary Seligman (BHS), Taylor Stephen (BHS), Taylor Thomas (FHS), Bradley Tull (FHS), Ashley Vincent (FHS), Taylor Wilder (FHS) and Candace Thomas .

The guest speaker for the evening was Dr. Daniel Williams, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, NCCU. Dr. Williams is a FHS graduate and gave a powerful message on how he got to where he is today and his views on success.

The event included a performance from the Bunn High School Chorus as well as refreshments provided by Mrs. Leslie Pate's foods classes



2010 NTHS Inductees



Dr. Daniel Williams



VFW Essay Contest Winners

Louisburg High School students who are members of the LHS AFJROTC program recently swept the annual Veteran's of Foreign Wars' essay contest. The essay topic this year was "Does America Still Have Heroes?".

Colonel Johnson (pictured at the right in both photos) was very pleased with the efforts of his students. Earning the top prize of \$300 was Juana DeLeon (above and center), while Cory Hudson (right, and Early College High School student) placed second and earned \$200. Destiny Holder (above and left) took third place and earned \$100.

Colonel Johnson and Sergeant Koger guide the ROTC program at Louisburg High School.





FES Poetry Breakfast

Black History Celebration

Students in Hannah Bethea's 4th grade class at Franklinton Elementary School recently participated in a Poetry Breakfast in celebration of Black History Month. Students chose a poem written by an African American and memorized it to recite it to staff members, classes, and at the breakfast with parents present. They heard poems from Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, and Eloise Greenfield among many others.



Franklin County Schools

Kindergarten Registration

& Screening Clinic Dates

9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Daily

Franklin County Schools will hold registration and evaluation for children entering public kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year in the local schools on the following dates:

March 9, 2010 Bunn Elementary School

March 12, 2010 Edward Best Elementary School

March 25, 2010 Franklinton Elementary School

March 26, 2010 Youngsville Elementary School

March 29, 2010 Louisburg Elementary School

April 14, 2010 Long Mill Elementary School

April 23, 2010 Laurel Mill Elementary School

April 16, 2010 Royal Elementary School

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *The child must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2010, to be eligible for kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year. A physical examination is required for children who will enter kindergarten. This health assessment must be done within 12 months prior to the day of school entry. When visiting your child's health care provider for the physical, carry a copy of your child's current immunization record.*

On the day of registration, please bring your child and his/her following records:

****Certified Birth Certificate***

****Immunization Records***

****Record of Illnesses, (if any)***

****Kindergarten Health Assessment Report (Form PPS-2K/physical exam), if completed. (Each elementary school's office will have this form)***

****Social Security Card (if available)***

****Statement of Residence form: Only 2 proofs of residence accepted. (Deed or lease of primary residence and a current utility bill.)***

Required forms may be obtained prior to registration at your child's school or by contacting the Central Office at 919.496.2600 (Riverside Campus – Building A).

Honey Bees at Edward Best Elementary



More than 40,000 honey bees, including two queens, were recently removed from Edward Best Elementary. The bees were living in the higher parts of the walls of the school gymnasium for nearly three decades. Nearly 100 pounds of honey comb was taken from the site. Students and staff will get to sample some of that honey when it is returned from a bee enthusiast club from Youngsville. At left, bees are vacuumed away. Below, evidence of the pounds of honey comb is displayed.

